

B¹ cont. to hydroxysaxitoxins and neosaxitoxin. See Bower et al., Nonprotein Neurotoxins, Clin. Toxicol. 18(7):813-863 (1981) .--

B¹ Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 19, line 21 of the specification with the following text:

--Saxitoxin or STX refers to a compound comprising a tetrahydropurine moiety composed of two guanidine units fused together in a stable azaketal linkage, having a molecular formula C₁₀ H₁₇ N₇ O₂, (mol. wt. 299.30) and to derivatives thereof, including but not limited to hydroxysaxitoxins and neosaxitoxin.

B² Bower et al., Nonprotein Neurotoxins, Clin. Toxicol. 18(7): 813-863 (1981). --

B² **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 22.

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

B³ 19. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the sodium channel blocking compound comprises a tetrahydropurine moiety comprising two guanidine units fused together in a stable azaketal linkage, having a molecular formula C₁₀ H₁₇ N₇ O₄, (mol. wt. 299.30) or a derivative thereof.